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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) No, Sir."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know what is the amount that the Government are getting yearly from this? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" It is not worth mentioning."

Labour dispute in the Nilambur Rubber Company.

* 2047 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government received any representation from the Nilambur Rubber Thozhilali Union, Nilambur, Malabar, recently complaining that the management of the rubber company did not settle the accounts of the workers since one year; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The Labour Officer, Kozhikode, conducted an enquiry in the matter on 20th February 1955 and the management of Nilambur Rubber Company, Nilambur, have since paid the arrears of wages due to their workers."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Monthly payment is not made to the workers. It is a violation of the provisions of the Payment of Wages Act. May I know whether the Government are aware of this and if so, what action was taken by Government against the management for violating the provisions of the Payment of Wages Act? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" On receipt of written complaints from the Nilambur Rubber Company Tozhilalar Union regarding non-payment of wages, the Labour Officer conducted an enquiry and the management agreed to pay the balance and the payment was made. Therefore Government do not think it necessary to take any further action."

Expenditure on Government hospitals.

* 2048 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the amount spent by way of capital expenditure in the year 1954–55 on (i) the Kozhikode Government Hospital and (ii) the Mangalore Government Wenlock Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Rs. 81,600 on the Government Headquarters Hospital, Kozhikode and Rs. 3,33,200 on the Government Headquarters Hospital, Mangalore."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Questions over."